

[English]

Utilisation of Ground Water

3507. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey on the utilisation of ground water resources by various States;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof in Eighth Plan;

(c) whether there is a need to enhance the utilisation of ground water resources for the development of agriculture; and

(d) if so, the projection made by the Government in that regard for Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Government have not conducted any survey on the utilisation of the ground water resources by various States for irrigation during the Eighth Plan. However, on the basis of information received from various States/Union Territories, the estimated utilisation of ground water resources by various States/Union Territories is given in the Statement attached

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A working group on Minor Irrigation set up by Planning Commission has recommended creation of an irrigation potential of 10.00 million hectare through ground water in the Ninth Plan.

Statement

S.No.	Name of States	Utilisation of Ground Water during VIII Plan (in 000' ha.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	89
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
3.	Assam	16
4.	Bihar	771
5.	Goa	1
6.	Gujarat	54
7.	Haryana	48
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1
10.	Karnataka	75
11.	Kerala	35
12.	Madhya Pradesh	48
13.	Maharashtra	76

	1	2	3
14.	Manipur		1
15.	Meghalaya		-
16.	Mizoram		-
17.	Nagaland		-
18.	Orissa		17
19.	Punjab		129
20.	Rajasthan		96
21.	Sikkim		-
22.	Tamil Nadu		70
23.	Tripura		6
24.	Uttar Pradesh		3983
25.	West Bengal		227
26.	Union Territories		2
Total States and U.Ts.			5745

Death of Indians in Gulf Countries

3508. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indians died in Gulf countries during the last one year;

(b) the average time taken in each country to bring back the dead body to India;

(c) the details of Government's assistance in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to bring the dead bodies free of charge; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The number of Indians who died in Gulf countries during the year 1996 is as follows :

Bahrain	123
Iraq	3
Kuwait	161
Oman	255
Qatar	88
Saudi Arabia	1461
U.A.E.	785
Yemen	1

(b) The average time taken to bring back the dead body to India varies from two weeks to four months depending on the nature of death. In the case of natural death, it takes at least two weeks and in the case of unnatural death, as police report is required, it takes more than two weeks. In the case of death where foul

play in suspected the dead body is not despatched till medical examination report is issued by the Ministry of Health as well as police report is made available to our Mission, which takes upto four months.

(c) As soon as information is received about the death of an Indian national, immediate contact is established by our Missions with the sponsors and the next of kin for completion of formalities like death certificate, medical report, police report for attestation and issue of No Objection Certificate for despatch of mortal remains. Whenever necessary, the cases are taken up with the concerned authorities of the Foreign Government by our Missions.

(d) and (e) Presently there is no proposal to bring the dead bodies free of charge from Gulf countries.

[Translation]

Health Care

3509. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total allocation of funds made by the Union Government to the Gujarat Government for the prevention and treatment of the diseases like kidney failure, heart attack, cancer, T.B. etc. item-wise details thereof;

(b) the per-capita expenditure incurred on Health care/medicines in Gujarat;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the present limit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Health being a State subject, States are primarily responsible for meeting the preventive, promotive and curative health needs of the people from their own resources. However, Central assistance to the States is given for Centrally Sponsored Scheme and National Health Programmes. A Statement showing major National Health Programmes including Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Gujarat and their allocation during 1995-96 is attached.

(b) Medicines are procured and supplied by the State Government from their own resources. However, as per information available in National Accounts Statistics, per capita Government expenditure in Gujarat on Health is Rs. 62.00 for the year 1993-94.

(c) and (d) Plan allocations have been increased for State Sector Health Programmes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Assistance has also been availed of from external agencies which is an on-going process when new projects are added each year.

Statement

Allocation of Funds to the State of Gujarat during 1995-96 in Respect of Major National Health Programmes

Name of the Programme	Amount Allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
National Malaria Eradication Programme :	848.19
National Leprosy Eradication Programme :	140.18
National Programme for Control of Blindness :	39.00
National T.B. Control Programme :	193.75
National AIDS Control Programme :	131.26
National Cancer Control Programme :	50.00
National Family Welfare Programme :	5536.01

[English]

Upgradation of Canals in Karnataka

3510. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka State Government had submitted a master plan to the Union Government for modernisation/upgradation of canals;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost involved therein;

(d) the quantum funds sanctioned and released so far for the purpose; and

(e) the projected schedule fixed for completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Development of Waterways in Ninth Plan

3511. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI :

SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have assessed the potentiality of the development of National Waterways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for the development of certain Waterways during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and